

When You Hear a Man Continually Insisting That He Is Just as Good as Anybody It Can Be Taken as Pretty Sure That He Isn't

FRENCH REGAINED  
LOST GROUND,  
SAYS PARISGaul and Teuton in Deadly Struggle  
Along the Meuse

BIG GUNS BATTER HILL 304

Artillery of Both Armies Has  
Been Active Since Saturday  
Night.

Paris, May 8.—The French today retook the ground on both sides of the Meuse lost in yesterday's fighting. The Germans were driven from communication trenches at the Haut-dumont wood and from first line trenches at Douaumont, the war office announced.

Paris, May 8.—In fierce attacks on both banks of the Meuse yesterday the German forces gained ground from the French. They entered the French communicating trenches east of Hill 304, and gained a footing on the first French line between Haut-dumont wood and Fort Douaumont over an extent of nearly a third of a mile. The artillery of both sides is especially active, according to the official statement issued by German army headquarters at Berlin yesterday. East of the Meuse, an attack made by the French early in the morning near Thiaumont farm failed. At several other points on the western front French reconnoitering detachments were repulsed.

The violent bombardment in the region of hill 304, northwest of Verdun, was continued throughout Saturday night, but there was no resumption of infantry fighting, according to the afternoon bulletin of the war office in Paris yesterday. The repulse of a strong German reconnaissance south of St. Mihiel and a successful surprise attack on a patrolling force near Lanfroicourt in Lorraine, are also reported, as is the breakdown of a strong German attack on French trenches near Liéons, south of the Somme.

## SHOT THROUGH FINGER

Harold Barber Has Accident While  
Hunting Woodchucks.

Harold Barber of North Bennington shot himself through the finger Sunday while hunting woodchucks. While dragging a 22-calibre rifle through a fence the weapon was discharged and the bullet passed through the forefinger of the left hand at the middle joint. Dr. D. A. Gleason, who treated the injury, is of the opinion that it will not be necessary to amputate the finger.

Mr. Barber lives at the farm house on the McCullough property.

## BIG LEAGUE BASEBALL

American League.  
Cleveland 5, Chicago 2.  
Detroit 2, St. Louis 1.  
Only two games scheduled.

Standing of the Teams			
	Won.	Lost.	P.C.
Cleveland .....	14	7	.667
Washington .....	11	7	.611
New York .....	10	8	.556
Boston .....	10	10	.500
Detroit .....	10	10	.500
Chicago .....	10	13	.435
St. Louis .....	7	11	.389
Philadelphia .....	6	12	.333

National League.  
St. Louis 1, Cincinnati 0.  
Pittsburgh 1, Chicago 0.  
Only two games scheduled.

Standing of the Teams			
	Won	Lost.	P.C.
Brooklyn .....	9	4	.69
Boston .....	9	5	.54
Chicago .....	10	8	.55
Philadelphia .....	8	7	.53
Cincinnati .....	11	10	.52
St. Louis .....	10	10	.50
Pittsburg .....	8	11	.42
New York .....	2	12	.14

## T. N. PAGE SEES NO PEACE SOON

Envoy to Italy Expects a Great  
Victory to Decide War.

Washington, May 4.—Thomas Nelson Page, American Ambassador to Italy, believes the European war will be decided by a great victory for one side or the other. The Ambassador, who conferred with President Wilson this morning, said he had no information that the time is ripe for peace. He said that although the people of all the belligerent nations are weary of the struggle no basis of peace satisfactory to both sides is discernible. Mr. Page is in the United States on a vacation.

## HELP WANTED

In several departments in furniture factory  
H. T. CUSHMAN CO.  
North Bennington

## CUTS HIS THROAT

Harry Brousseau, 24, Severs Jugular  
Vein, Then Walks from House.

Bennington, May 5.—Harry Brousseau, youngest son of George Brousseau, 57, 111 State Street, cut his throat with a razor at four o'clock this morning and died from loss of blood about five o'clock at the home of Dr. S. S. Eddy, where he had been taken. The young man, who was about 24 years of age, seemed to have become insane during the day and his father was watching him. After cutting his throat he left the house and started on Main street, which is near by, and leaned upon the parapet of the stone bridge crossing Otter creek. His father followed and his brother, Lewis, who was boarding at the Logan house nearby, was awakened and together they succeeded in getting him to Dr. Eddy's office. Doctors Walter J. White and Edward H. Martin were summoned to assist Dr. Eddy, but so much blood had been lost that they were unable to take any measures to save his life, the jugular vein having been partially severed.

Young Brousseau was of such a cheerful disposition that he had for years been called "Happy" by his friends. No reason except temporary aberration of the mind can be assigned for his act. The deceased, young as he was, had been a great traveler and aside from several trips to different parts of the Far West and eastern States had a few years ago made a trip in charge of livestock to South Africa. Recently he had returned from Providence, R. I., where he had a position in a wire manufacturing establishment.

## DISAGREE ON ARMY BILL

Conferees May Ask Senate and House  
For Instructions.

Washington, May 4.—The conferees of the Senate and House at work on the army reorganization bill have disagreed over the volunteer provision put in by the Senate. They believe a disagreement may be reported back to both the Senate and House and instructions asked for. The president is said to favor the amendment.

The conferees have accepted the House provision for the Federalization of the National Guard, which will give a militia reserve of 400,000 men. The Senate proposal for the National Guard reorganization would have given only 250,000 men.

In the light of the international situation, President Wilson told Chairman Hay of the House Military Affairs committee that the House and Senate conferees on the army bill should get together without delay.

## STEVENSON FOR ROOSEVELT

Colorado "Steam Roller" Leader Turns  
to the Colonel.

Denver, May 4.—A sensation was created in the First Congressional district Republican convention here today, which elected delegates to the national convention, when Archie M. Stevenson, who engineered the "steam roller" at Chicago four years ago, made a speech favoring Col. Roosevelt for president.

Stevenson and Ralph W. Smith of Denver were chosen as delegates. Smith in a speech also declared himself for Roosevelt.

Today's election completed Colorado's delegation of twelve. Of these six will be for Roosevelt on the first ballot, four for Root, one for Hughes and one for Cummins. On the second ballot, it is asserted, eleven will be for Roosevelt.

## ALLIES LOST TRANSPORT

Sunk in Mediterranean with 600 Russian  
Troops on Board.

Berlin, May 8.—The sinking of an allied transport in the Mediterranean late in April, with the loss of nearly all the 600 Russian troops who were on board, is reported in dispatches from Corfu, said the Overseas news agency yesterday. The transport was sunk by striking a mine about the same time the British battleship Russell met a similar fate, the advices state. The news agency statement regarding the reported sinking is as follows: According to reliable reports from Corfu, in addition to the battleship Russell, a transport steamer with 600 Russians on board struck a mine and sank. Only a few were rescued. The bodies recovered were buried by the British at Malta.

## COSTS HIM \$6,000 AS JUROR

Ewing, Silver Mining King, Pays  
Penalty for Patriotism.

Denver, May 4.—He may not be a hero or wear a medal for it, but L. A. Ewing, the silver mining king of Boulder county, deserves one, for Mr. Ewing without, deserves one, for Mr. something like \$6,000 a week through patriotic motives to do his duty as a good citizen.

Yesterday Mr. Ewing was accepted as a juror for the trial of Alonzo Dickens at Boulder, who is charged with slaying his father, a wealthy Longmont banker last winter. Examined as prospective juror Mr. Ewing stated that he was a believer in circumstantial evidence, despite the fact that he was once the victim of that kind of evidence when he was accused of shooting a man.

## WEATHER FORECAST

For eastern New York and western Vermont unsettled, probably showers tonight and Tuesday.

IRISH JOAN OF ARC  
A PRISONER  
FOR LIFECountess Markievicz Sentenced to  
Penal Servitude

EXECUTIONS ARE DENOUNCED

John Devoy Says 200,000 Trained Irish  
men in America Are Ready for  
Service Next Time.

Dublin, May 7.—Via London.—Countess Georgina Markievicz, one of the prominent figures in the Irish revolt, was sentenced to death after her trial by court martial, but the sentence has been commuted to penal servitude for life, it was officially announced this afternoon. The death sentence upon Henry O'Hanrahan was also commuted to a life term.

Death sentences imposed upon George Plunkett and John Plunkett brothers of Joseph Plunkett, who was executed last week, have been commuted to 10 years penal servitude.

The official statement announcing the sentences and commutations says: "The following further results of trials by the field general court martial are announced:

"Sentenced to death, but commuted to penal servitude for life by the general officer commander-in-chief—Countess Georgina Markievicz and Henry O'Hanrahan.

"Sentenced to death, but commuted to 10 years penal servitude—George Plunkett and John Plunkett."

## 200,000 IRISHMEN READY

To Hold England to "Strict  
Accountability."

Boston, May 8.—"When the Irish army again takes the field, wiser and stronger than before, it will not cease until victory is in its grasp," said John Devoy of New York, editor of the Gaelic-American, in an address on the Dublin revolt before 800 members of the Clan na Gael last night. "It is only a question of transportation that prevents 200,000 trained Irishmen here from going over to help," he added. Resolutions denouncing the execution of the leaders of the revolt, and declaring that England would be held to "strict accountability" were adopted by the meeting.

## FILLED WITH CANNON

Arms and Munitions Unearthed in  
Huge Mound in Poland.

Cracow, May 6.—Austrian landsturm men who guard the conquered territory in southern Poland have made a sensational find seven miles west of Lwanzogor on the upper Vistula. The Russians here held a very strong position until they were forced to give it up last summer by the flank movement of the Austrian army commanded by Gen. Von Koeves.

When the Russians retreated they left an immense grave, on which they had erected a huge cross. On the board, fastened to the cross, they had painted the names of about 700 soldiers supposed to have been buried there.

Recently a landsturm officer became suspicious of the grave on account of its extraordinary size. It was opened and found to contain 14 heavy and 27 light cannon, 30 machine guns and thousands of shells of all sizes, but not one human body. In another spot near by 2,000 rifles, 500,000 cartridges and three carloads of barbed wire were dug up.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Seventeenth Annual State Convention  
Opened Saturday.

St. Albans, May 7.—The 17th annual convention of the Vermont State Council, Knights of Columbus, opened at St. Mary's hall in this city this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock when St. Albans Council, No. 297, conferred the first degree on a class of 25 candidates and the second degree on about 50. Those upon whom the second degree was conferred will receive the third degree at a meeting at the city hall tomorrow evening at eight o'clock. The candidates are from St. Albans, Stanton and Fairfield and all are members of the local council.

Tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock there will be a bowling match at Dowling's alleys between DeCesbriand Council, No. 279, of Burlington, and St. Albans Council. Following the conferring of the degree tomorrow evening a banquet will be served at Eagles' hall by the women of St. Mary's parish.

About 250 visitors are expected by tomorrow evening. The convention, proper will open Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock.

## Enough Said.

"You are an advocate of woman suffrage. What are your reasons?"  
"My wife."

## DENIES LACK OF WARNING

Austria's Official Version of the Tor-  
pedoing of the Imperator.

Washington, May 7.—The Austrian Government, through American Ambassador Penfield at Vienna, has furnished the United States, with its version of the attack by one of its submarines upon the Russian bark Imperator, from which two Americans, one of them wounded, were rescued.

Austria denies that the vessel was fired upon without warning, as was stated in an official report regarding the attack made to the State Department by the American Consul at Barcelona, Spain. According to her version the submarine fired two warning shots at the Imperator, which failed to heave to. A third shot, it is declared, went through the rigging. Then the members of the bark's crew put away in a boat and approached the submarine. A wounded man who was found to be in the boat was taken aboard the submarine and received medical treatment. Later, the submarine took the boat in tow and abandoned it only when near a steamer.

It was authoritatively stated tonight that the United States would proceed to establish the facts in the case, with a view of taking further action should it be warranted.

The United States still has pending with Austria negotiations over the case of the American tank ship Petrofka. A second note on this case is to be dispatched to Vienna shortly.

## PREDICTS ELECTRIC LIGHTS

Mind Reader Says South Shaftsbury  
Will Be Illuminated.

Editor of the Banner.—Last week The Vails gave an entertainment in Cole Hall, South Shaftsbury, Vt. Mrs. Vail is a mind reader and as a part of the exhibition answered questions written on slips of paper by persons in the audience. One of the questions was: Will we have electric lights here? She said we would have twenty street lights when the power line went through to Rutland.

Quite a number here hope this prediction comes true, but in order to make it so we shall have to turn out and vote yes at the meeting Tuesday night to vote on the village charter. The result of the vote will appear in the Wednesday Banner so we shall not be in suspense long.

Charles A. Monroe.  
South Shaftsbury, May 8, 1916.

## CANNOT HELP CASEMENT

Sir Roger's Sister Told the State De-  
partment Will Not Intercede.

Washington, May 7.—The United States Government will not take any action in behalf of obtaining clemency for Sir Roger Casement, formerly of the British Consular Service, who was captured when he landed in Ireland at the head of a German expedition and is now in the Tower of London awaiting trial on the charge of high treason. This was made known yesterday to Michael Francis Doyle, a Philadelphia lawyer, who came to Washington with Mrs. Agnes Newman, a sister of Sir Roger Casement and had interviews with Frank L. Polk, Counselor of the State Department and Acting Secretary of State and Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the British Ambassador.

## BRANDEIS REPORT MONDAY

Committee Decides to Let Case Be  
Fought Out in Senate.

Washington, May 4.—The Senate committee on Judiciary probably will report the nomination of Louis D. Brandeis to the Senate on Monday, or soon afterward, without any recommendation.

It is possible to get a favorable report, with the present alignment of the committee, but Senators who are unwilling to vote for a favorable report are ready to vote to report it without recommendation and allow the Senate to fight out the case on its merits.

## ENGLISH EXPORTS INCREASE

Foodstuffs, However, Are Brought In  
in Larger Quantities.

London, May 7.—Board of Trade returns for April show that imports increased about \$10,230,000, while exports increased \$23,240,000.

Imports of food and chemicals show increases, but cotton imports show a decrease of \$12,500,000. There were increased exports of manufactured articles, of which iron and cotton textile products show increases of \$6,250,000 each.

## BRADY WORTH \$87,000,000

Executors Make Report on "Mole of  
Wall Street's" Estate.

Albany, N. Y., May 5.—The first accounting of the executors of the late Anthony M. Brady of Albany, which was filed in Surrogate's court here today, values the estate of the "Mole of Wall Street" as the financier was known, at "upward of \$87,000,000." The transfer tax paid the state controller amounted to \$2,637,554. The accounting covered the period from Mr. Brady's death, July 22, 1913, to December 24, 1916.

FOR SALE—Pope Touring car in first class shape. Demonstration by appointment. For further particulars inquire E. E. Sargood, Bennington, Vt., or Forest S. White, Hoosick Falls, N. Y. 7816

CONTRACT FOR NEW  
HOSPITAL MAY BE  
MADE THIS WEEKBids Were to Reach Architect in  
New York Today

FIVE ESTIMATES EXPECTED

Building Committee Plans to Push  
Construction Rapidly Once Be-  
ginning is Made.

Bids for the construction of the Henry W. Putnam Memorial hospital building were supposed to be in the hands of the architect in New York today and should reach the members of the building committee not later than tomorrow or Wednesday.

At the time it was planned to build the hospital through a bond issue the plans and specifications were submitted to ten different general contractors from whom bids were received. After the receipt of the \$90,000 gift from Henry W. Putnam Jr., the plans and specifications were re-submitted to the five contractors making the lowest bids and it is from these five new bids that the building committee will probably make the contract award.

The building committee is carrying out its work just as rapidly as possible. The three men, A. W. Braisted, J. B. Wilbur and L. S. Norton, are taking every precaution to guard against any error that might easily be made at this time and which in future years might seriously interfere with the work of the institution. The committee has had the advice of a recognized authority on hospital construction and the plans have been carefully considered and re-considered. By the elimination of every possible contingency at this time the committee hope to be able to push the construction with unusual speed once a beginning is made.

M. J. Burrington, the civil engineer, will tomorrow begin making a contour map for the use of the landscape gardener whose plans will be adopted in laying out the grounds.

## NEBRASKANS FOR T. R.

Bull Moose Chairman Says 12 G. O. P.  
Delegates are for Colonel.

Lincoln, Neb., May 4.—Twelve of Nebraska's sixteen delegates to the republican national convention are for Roosevelt, although instructed for Cummins, according to Chairman F. P. Corrick of the Nebraska Moosers. Mr. Corrick returned today from a conference with George W. Perkins and is spending all his time working for Roosevelt's nomination.

"Twelve of Nebraska's delegation are for Roosevelt and will ultimately swing to him," he said.

Many other Cummins men of the West are for Col. Roosevelt and more will come to him as time goes on. In Nebraska, aside from the few delegates Victor Rosewater has up his sleeve, no one will hold out against Roosevelt.

## JEWELERS 75 YEARS

Preston Family Follows Calling for  
Three Quarters Century.

For 75 years—three quarters of a century—three generations of the Preston family have conducted the jewelry business in Vermont. The change in location made by Frank J. Preston, when he moved into his new store at No. 17 Church street, Burlington this week, brought the above fact to notice. This jewelry store, now in its third year in Burlington, is, therefore, only a new edition of a long established business by that family.

Mr. Preston's father, Lafayette W. Preston, first opened a jewelry store in this state at Brandon in 1840. Later on he moved to Castleton, Vermont, where he conducted a jewelry store for about 40 years, with branch stores in Fair Haven, Vt., and Granville, N. Y. His three sons were jewelers, one being a watch inspector in the Elgin watch company's factory at Elgin, Ill., another is running the store at Castleton and the third, Burlington's popular jeweler, now opening his new store on Church street. William, Frank Preston's son, is associated with him in the business here and will reach his 21st birthday this month.

## KILLED BY A FALL

John Watson Victim of Fatal Accident  
at West Rutland.

Rutland, May 7.—John Watson of Philadelphia, a painter employed by the David Salkind company, fell to his death Saturday afternoon while at work on a stack at the Vermont Marble company's new lime kiln at West Rutland. He made a misstep and plunged 70 feet on to some stone and other material in use by workmen. He struck squarely on his face and both eyes were gouged out. He lived about 20 minutes. Mr. Watson was about 20 years old and unmarried.

## RUTLAND WON 18 TO 10

High School Baseball Team Defeated  
at Morgan Park Saturday Afternoon

Bennington high school lost a baseball game at Morgan park Saturday afternoon to Rutland high school by a score of 18 to 10. The game was characterized by more clean hitting than is usually seen in preparatory school contests, and the errors, except those perpetrated by the Bennington students in the seventh inning, were not particularly costly. Each team secured 18 hits but Rutland led in the total number of bases.

Neither of the pitchers appeared to have much speed but their control was good and bases on balls were few. The Bennington infield was outclassed both in accuracy and speed but the team made a good showing considering the fact that the majority of the players have had only one season's experience and some are taking part in their first season.

Rutland led after the first inning, but there was an interesting period in the sixth when Bennington tallied three times and came within one of evening the score. In the seventh, however, Rutland landed on Parsons for five singles and a double and ran away with the game. The score:

Rutland		AB	R	B	H	P	O	A	E
Janni, 2b.	5	1	2	2	2	0	0	0	0
Hyland, c.	5	2	1	5	0	1	0	0	0
Thompson, p.	5	1	2	0	2	0	0	0	0
Waite, 1b.	5	3	2	0	0	1	0	0	0
Hostler, cf.	5	3	3	1	0	0	0	0	0
Vose, ss.	5	2	2	1	5	2	0	0	0
Predom, 3b.	5	2	1	2	2	0	0	0	0
Sullivan, rf.	4	2	2	3	0	0	0	0	0
Gilloli, 1b.	5	1	2	13	0	0	0	0	0
Houan, rf.	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
	45	18	18	27	11	5	0	0	0
Bennington		AB	R	B	H	P	O	A	E
Harwood, 2b.	6	2	3	0	1	0	0	0	0
Harris, ss.	6	1	1	0	6	2	0	0	0
Leahy, 1b.	5	2	2	13	0	1	0	0	0
Parsons, p.	5	2	2	0	5	1	0	0	0
R. Burt, cf.	5	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cummings, 1b.	5	1	3	3	0	1	0	0	0
Armstrong, 3b.	5	1	2	1	0	1	0	0	0
Chase, rf.	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hicks, c.	5	0	0	6	2	1	0	0	0
	46	18	18	24	14	7	0	0	0

Score by innings:—  
Rutland 0 4 4 2 1 0 7 0 \*—18  
Bennington 3 0 0 4 0 3 0 0 0—10

Two base hits, Vose, Hostler, Sullivan, Leahy; three base hit, Thompson; first base on balls, off Thompson 2; off Parsons 2; struck out by Thompson 4; by Parsons 6; double play, Danni to Predom; passed balls, Hyland 1, Hicks 3; umpire, Scott.

## IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY

Reports at Annual Meeting Showed a  
Prosperous Condition.

The thirtieth annual meeting of the Village Improvement society was held at the home of the president, Miss Jennie A. Valentine, Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Reports of the year showed that the village cemetery had been kept in good condition; some unsightly places in the village renovated; and the condition of some of the streets improved through the efforts of the society.

The fence, which it was proposed to build last year on the Morgan road side of the cemetery, will be put in at once. The old stone wall, which it was hoped the town would replace, was reported in bad condition and that it was rapidly undermining the lots bordering it. The society has not sufficient funds for this undertaking and feel that, if it puts in the fence, the town should do the wall.

Two entertainments were given during the year to raise money for the fence and also if possible to plant trees in the vacant lot near the railroad station.

The first of these, a tea at the home of Mrs. George F. Graves in August, was not only a financial success, but a delightful social event. In November a Miss Valentine opened her home for a Shakespearean reading by Mr. Woollett, an English reader, whose rendition was greatly enjoyed by the lovers of Shakespeare present.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mrs. E. W. Bradford; treasurer, Mrs. W. J. Meagher; secretary, Miss Helena L. Norton; trustees, Mrs. John S. Holden, Mrs. J. M. Ayres; auditors, Mrs. W. B. Walker, Miss Jennie A. Valentine.

The following committees were appointed: Village committee, Mrs. George F. Graves, Miss J. A. Valentine; cemetery committee, Mrs. Edward Norton, Mrs. W. B. Walker, Mrs. A. S. M. Chisholm.

The society tendered an unanimous vote of thanks to the retiring president, Miss Valentine, who declined a reelection and who has served the society in this capacity for the past twelve years with great efficiency.

Nine new members have been added during the year making a total membership of about forty. The society asks the co-operation of all women of the village who are interested in making Bennington a cleaner and more attractive place.

## BELGIAN VICTORY IN AFRICA

Paris, May 7.—Belgian troops on April 19 captured German positions at Shangugu, on the border of German East Africa, and continued progress south of Kivu Lake, according to an announcement made by the Belgian Minister of the Colonies. They occupied a German post at Ishange on the 22d.

MEXICAN RAIDERS  
KILL THREE U. S.  
SOLDIERSBandits Cross Border into Big Bend  
District of Texas

ATTACK PATROL OF EIGHT MEN

Ranchers Rally to the Rescue to Find  
Every Member of the Patrol  
Dead or Wounded.

El Paso, May 8.—Three American soldiers and a 10-years-old boy have lost their lives and two American citizens have been kidnapped and carried south of the international border to almost certain death in another raid of bandits that takes rank with Francisco Villa's attack on Columbus, N. M. Whether the marauders were Villa bandits